

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 12, 13, and 16-25 are pending.

Applicants and the undersigned thank the Examiner for the telephone interview of July 31, 2007, in which the outstanding advisory action was discussed.

The claim amendments submitted concurrently herewith are identical to those amendments submitted on June 20, 2007.

No issues of new matter should arise and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

I. Advisory Action Response

The Examiner stated in the Advisory Action that the amendments made on June 20, 2007, are not in condition for allowance and would require “further search and/or considerations that have not been made henceforth.” Applicants respectfully disagree that the claims are not in condition for allowance. The Examiner suggested in the July 10, 2006 Office Action that the submitted amendments would be allowable.

However, in order to receive full consideration of the claims as amended, Applicants are herewith filing a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants respectfully submit that claims as amended render the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection moot and that the claims are allowable.

II. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-9, 12, 13, and 16-25.

Examiner Srivastava is encourage to contact the undersigned concerning any questions about the present application.

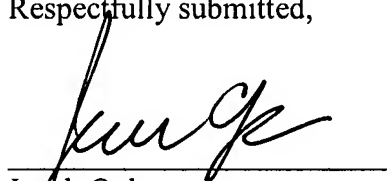
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 08-0219.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to deposit account no. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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